



# Virginia Green Events



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## Zero Waste Hokie Hi Picnic Blacksburg, VA



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**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

## Zero Waste Hokie Hi Picnic

Dining Services at Virginia Tech was ranked #1 for Campus Dining by the Princeton Review for 2015. This event is located at Lane Stadium and features many of Virginia Tech's sports teams.

The Hokie Hi Picnic is one the first experiences our incoming freshman have with Dining Services. This is an excellent way to welcome students to Virginia Tech while also showing off our commitment to sustainability.

All the watermelon for this event will be provided by the Dining Services Garden at Kentland Farm located just 10 miles from campus and operated by VT Dining Services.

For more 'green' specific information : [www.farmsandfields.wordpress.com](http://www.farmsandfields.wordpress.com)

### Virginia Green Activities

#### **This facility pledges that they:**

##### **Recycle.**

- Have in place clearly marked recycling locations and/or containers. Please check the items that visitors to your facility are able to recycle: (*minimum of 2 required*)
  - Aluminum cans
  - Plastic bottles
  - Cardboard
  - Composting of food & other compostable items

### **Minimize the use of disposable food service products.**

- Use disposable food service items that are made from bio-based, renewable materials
- Use disposable food service items that are made with recycled content

### **Printed Materials.**

- Use electronic registration, correspondence, and forms instead of paper forms

### **Waste Reduction.**

- Track overall solid waste costs (*required for Virginia Green*)
- Arrange for the composting of food waste and other compostables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Provide for recycling of boxes and other set-up wastes
- Other actions taken to reduce solid waste: Work with a local company for our composting needs.

### **Green Signage.**

- Other actions taken related to green signage: Our signage indicates that this event is Zero Waste.

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For more information on **Zero Waste Hokie Hi Picnic**, see [www.nsfv.vt.edu/hokie\\_hi/index.html](http://www.nsfv.vt.edu/hokie_hi/index.html) or contact Rial Tombes at [sustainableddining@vt.edu](mailto:sustainableddining@vt.edu) or 540-231-1139.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see [www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx](http://www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx).



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